

SUMMARY OF PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

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Absent Voters/Absentee Ballots

Special Absent Voter's Ballot Application (#76)	Jan 2, 2004
Federal Overseas Voter, Application for Absent Voter's Ballot (#79)	Jan 2-Feb 24
Absent Voters' Ballot Application (#95)	Feb 2-Feb 24
Recalled to Military Service (#118)	Feb 25-Mar 2
Late Conditions (#119, #122)	Feb 25-Mar 1
Special Absent Voters (#121)	Mar 2
Commence Processing Absent Voter Ballots	
Computer Processing (#117)	Feb 24
Manual Processing (#120)	Mar 1
Absent Voters' Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted (#122)	Mar 2

Approved Ballot Vendors - List of (#73)

Jan 1

Ballot Measure Arguments

Last Day for Measures to Qualify for Ballot (#15, #16)	Oct 23, 2003
News Release Inviting Arguments (#19)	Oct 27
Arguments Submission Deadline (#27)	Nov 4
Arguments Selection and Exchange (#32)	Nov 10
Rebuttal Arguments and Summary Information Submission Deadline (#39)	Nov 14

Ballot Pamphlets

Last Day for Measures to Qualify for Ballot (#15, #16)	Oct 23, 2003
News Release Inviting Arguments (#19)	Oct 27
Arguments Submission Deadline (#27)	Nov 4
Arguments Selection and Exchange (#32)	Nov 10
Titles, Summaries, Analyses, Text, Bond Statement Deadline (#38)	Nov 14
Rebuttal Arguments/Summary Information Submission Deadline (#39)	Nov 14
Political Party Statements of Purpose (#40)	Nov 14
Available for Public Examination (#48)	Nov 18-Dec 8
Copy to the State Printer (#58)	Dec 8
State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing (#90, #99)	Jan 22-Feb 10
Furnished to Counties (#85)	Jan 17
State and Local Officials and Public Institutions (#86)	Jan 17
Supplemental Mailing to Voters by County (#112)	Feb 21

Ballots

Secretary of State Publishes List of Approved Ballot Card Vendors (#73)	Jan 1
Counties Mail Sample Ballots (#91)	Jan 22-Feb 21
Notice of Early Tabulation (#93)	Feb 1
Computer Program to Secretary of State (#116)	Feb 24

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Defacing of Unused Ballots (#125) Mar 2

Campaign Statements

SB 50 Requirements (#11) Oct 10
Semiannual (#82) Jan 10
Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (#83) Jan 10
First Pre-election Statement (#88) Jan 22
Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (#89) Jan 22
Late Contributions Report (#101) Feb 15-Mar 1
Late Independent Expenditure Report (#102) Feb 15-Mar 1
Slate Mailer Organization; Late Contributions (#103) Feb 15-Mar 1
24-Hour Statement of Organization Report (#104) Feb 15-Mar 1
Second Pre-election Statement (#108) Feb 19
Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (#109) Feb 19
Quarterly Statements by Ballot Measure Committees (#143) Apr 30
Semiannual (#144) Jul 31
Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (#145) Jul 31

Candidates – Partisan Legislative, U.S. Senate, Congressional

Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees

Partisan and Independent Legislative Candidates (#1, #28) Sep 26-Nov 5
U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, and All Other Candidates (#2, #48) Sep 26-Nov 20

Declarations of Intention

Partisan and Independent Legislative Candidates (#17, #29) Oct 27-Nov 5
Elections Official Sends to the Secretary of State (#30) Nov 5
Extension Period for Partisan and Independent Legislative (#31, #33) Nov 6-Nov 10

Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers (#34, #54) Nov 10-Dec 5

Nomination Documents Forwarded to the Secretary of State (#36, #59) Nov 10-Dec 10

Nomination Period Extension

When incumbent fails to file (#56) Dec 6-Dec 10

When the only partisan candidate dies (#57, #64) Dec 6-Dec 19

Nomination Documents Filed with the Secretary of State (#59) Dec 10

Notice to Partisan Candidates (#65) Dec 20

Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#67) Dec 25*

Canvass

Semiofficial Canvass (#126) Mar 2

Begin Processing Absentee Ballots (#117, #120) Feb 24, Mar 1

Election Day (#123) Mar 2

Official Canvass (#127) Mar 4

Presidential Primary Results (#132) Mar 22

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Presidential Primary Results Compiled by Secretary of State (#136)	Mar 26
Official Canvass Ends (#134)	Mar 31
Statement of Results to Secretary of State (#137)	Apr 6
Secretary of State to Publish Statement of Vote (#140)	Apr 10
Supplement to the Statement of the Vote Published by Secretary of State (#146).....	Aug 8

County Central Committees

Letter to Party Chairs about Presidential Candidate Selection (#7)	Oct 4
Compute Number of Members (#21).....	Oct 29

Early Tabulation, Notification (#93)

Feb 1

Economic Interests, Statements of (#35)

Nov 10-Dec 5

Filing Fees

Full Payment

Partisan and Independent Legislative Candidates (#17).....	Oct 27-Nov 5
Extension when incumbent fails to file (#31, #56)	Nov 6-Nov 10; Dec 6-Dec 10
All Other Candidates (#34).....	Nov 10-Dec 5
Extension when the only partisan candidate dies (#54)	Dec 6-Dec 20

Payment with Prorated In-Lieu Signatures

Partisan and Independent Legislative Candidates (#1, #28).....	Sep 26-Nov 5
U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, and All Other Candidates (#2, #48)	Sep 26-Nov 20
Notice of Sufficiency - Partisan/Independent Legislative Candidates (#41)	Nov 15
Notice of Sufficiency - U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional Candidates (#49).....	Nov 30
Supplemental Signature Deadline (#53)	Dec 5

Governor's Proclamation - Last Day to Issue (#10).....

Oct 6

Independent Candidates

Declaration of Intention for Legislative Candidates (#17, #29)	Oct 27-Nov 5
Extension Period When Incumbent Fails to File (#30, #32).....	Nov 6-Nov 10
Elections Official Sends to the Secretary of State (#29).....	Nov 5
Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee (#1, #27).....	Sep 26-Nov 5
Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers	See General Election Calendar

Legislative Candidates

Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee (#1, #27).....	Sep 26-Nov 5
Declarations of Intention	
Partisan/Independent Legislative Candidates (#16, #28).....	Oct 27-Nov 5
Extension Period When incumbent fails to file (#31, #33).....	Nov 6-Nov 10

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Nomination Documents Forwarded to the Secretary of State (#36, #59)	Nov 10-Dec 10
Extension when incumbent fails to file (#56)	Dec 6-Dec 10
Extension when the only partisan candidate dies (#57, #64)	Dec 6-Dec 19
File Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers (#81, #107)	Jan 5- Feb 17
Candidate Statements in the County Official Sample Ballot (#18, #55)	Oct 27-Dec 5

Measures - Initiative and Legislative

Last day to Qualify for the Primary Election Ballot (#15, #16)	Oct 23
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Notification Dates

Notice of Offices in the Primary Election (#3).....	Sep 26
Notice of Election, Governor's Proclamation (#10).....	Oct 6
Declines to State Voter Participation Notice (#14).....	Oct 19*
Notice of Parties Qualified to Participate in Primary (#20).....	Oct 29
Notice to Partisan Candidates (#65)	Dec 19
Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#67).....	Dec 25*

Parties Qualified to Participate in the Primary Election

Last Day to Register with a Party Attempting to Qualify (#5)	Sep 30
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Political Party Qualification

Report of Registration - 154 County Report (#4)	Sep 30-Oct 19*
Last Day to Register to Qualify New Party (#5).....	Sep 30
Secretary of State Announces Newly-Qualified Party (#13).....	Oct 19*
Newly-Qualified Party Designates Procedures (#22, #42)	Oct 29, Nov 18
Secretary of State Announces Disqualified Parties (#22)	Oct 31

Presidential Primary

Letter to American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law And Peace and Freedom Parties about Presidential Candidate Selection (#7).....		Oct 4
Candidates Selected by Secretary of State – Republican et al. (#8, #24)		Oct 4-Nov 3
Candidates Selected by Secretary of State – Democratic (#9, #71)		Oct 4-Dec 30
Secretary of State to Announce List of Republican et al. Presidential Candidates (#24).....		Nov 3
Secretary of State to Announce List of Democratic Presidential Candidates (#71)		Dec 30
Withdrawal of Recognized Republican et al. Candidate (#70).....		Dec 25*
Withdrawal of Recognized Democratic Candidate (#75).....		Jan 2
Unselected Candidates/Uncommitted Delegations - Nomination Papers		
Democratic Party (#26, #72)		Nov 3-Dec 30
All Other Parties (#47, #63)		Nov 19-Dec 19
County Elections Official Files with Secretary of State (#66)		Dec 24

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Certification of Democratic Delegates by the Secretary of State (#92).....	Jan 3
Write-in Declarations (#98)	Feb 10
Certified List of Write-in Candidates (#100)	Feb 18
Semi-Official Canvass	
Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom Parties (#128)	Mar 5
Canvass of Returns by County Elections Official (#127, #132).....	Mar 4-Mar 30
Canvass of Returns by Secretary of State (#136)	Apr 3
Delegates, Generally	
Number of, Selected by Party (#25).....	Nov 3
Certification of Number of Delegates for All Parties except Democratic Party (#37).....	Nov 13
Unselected Presidential Candidates/Uncommitted Delegations - Nomination Papers	
Democratic Party (#26, #72)	Nov 3-Dec 30
All Other Parties (#47, #63)	Nov 19-Dec 19
Secretary of State Notification of Qualification for Placement on Ballot (#74).....	Dec 29
Slate of Democratic Delegate Candidates to Secretary of State (#87)	Jan 18*
Secretary of State to Transmit to County Elections (#92)	Jan 31*
Official Certified List of Delegate Candidates (#92).....	Jan 31*
Republican Delegate Slates to Secretary of State (#94)	Feb 1
Letter Requesting Information sent to Central Committees (#7).....	Oct 4
Statement of Names of Delegates Committees – American Independent (#45)	Nov 19
Statement of Names of Delegates Committees – Green et al. (#46)	Nov 19

Publication Dates

Governor's Proclamation (Issue Date) (#10).....	Oct 6
Secretary of State to Announce Selected Presidential Candidates (#8, #24).....	Oct 4-Nov 3
(Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom Parties)	
Secretary of State to Announce Selected Presidential Candidates (#9, #71).....	Oct 4-Dec 30
(Democratic Party)	
Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#67).....	Dec 25*

Randomized Alphabet

Notice (#50)	Dec 1
Drawing (#61).....	Dec 11

Registration, Voter

Report of Registration – 154 Day County Report (#4)	Sep 30-Oct 19*
Voter Registration File to Secretary of State (#12)	Oct 19*
154-day Report of Registration Published (#44)	Nov 18
60-day Registration Report of Registration	
Voter Registration files to Secretary of State (#78).....	Jan 2

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29-Day Report of Registration (#96)	Feb 3-Feb 21
29-day Report of Registration Published (#113)	Feb 21
Last Day to Register to Vote in the March 2, 2004 Primary (#105).....	Feb 16
New Residents and New Citizens (#97, #114)	Feb 3-Feb 24

State Central Committees

Letter to Party Chairs About Presidential Candidate Selection (#7)	Oct 4
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State Measures

Initiative and Legislative Measures - Qualification Deadline (#15, #16).....	Oct 23
News Release Inviting Arguments (#19).....	Oct 27
Arguments Submission Deadline (#27)	Nov 4
Arguments Selection and Exchange (#32).....	Nov 10
Titles, Summaries, Analyses, Text, and Bond Statement Deadline (#38).....	Nov 14
Rebuttal Arguments and Summary Information Submission Deadline (#39)	Nov 14

Write-in Candidates

Declaration – Presidential (#98)	Feb 10
All Non-Presidential Write-in Candidates (#81, #107)	Jan 5-Feb 17
Certified List of Non-Presidential Write-in Candidates (#110).....	Feb 20

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| Sep 26-Nov 5, 2003
(E-158 to E-118) | 1. <u>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Partisan and Independent Legislative Candidates</u>
During this period, a partisan or independent candidate for legislative office may obtain forms from the county elections official or the Secretary of State for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for office if they meet party registration requirements. §§8061, 8105, 8106 |
| Sep 26-Nov 20, 2003
(E-158 to E-103) | 2. <u>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Partisan U.S. Senate and House of Representatives</u>
During this period, partisan candidates for U.S. Senate or House of Representatives may obtain forms from the county elections official or the Secretary of State for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for office if they meet party registration requirements. §§8061, 8105, 8106 |
| Sep 26, 2003
(E-158) | 3. <u>Notice of Offices in the Primary Election</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and to send to each county elections official a notice designating all the offices, except for county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated at the primary election. §12103 |
| Sep 30-Oct 19*, 2003
(E-154 to E-135)
*Sunday | 4. <u>Report of Registration-154-day County Report</u>
During this period, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters registered in the county, by party affiliation, by each political subdivision of the county. §2187(a)(c)&(d)(1) |
| Sep 30, 2003
(E-154) | 5. <u>Registration in New Party</u>
The last day any person may register to vote and declare an intention to affiliate with a particular party in order to qualify that party to participate in the March 2, 2004 primary election candidate nominating process. §§2187(d)(1), 5100(b) |
| Oct 3, 2003
(Suggested Date)
(E-151) | 6. <u>Pre-election Residency Confirmation Procedure</u>
The county elections official shall conduct a pre-election residency confirmation procedure as provided in Elections Code §2220. This procedure shall be completed by the 90 th day immediately prior to the primary election. |

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The county elections official, at his or her discretion, shall not be required to mail a residency confirmation postcard to any voter who has voted at an election held within the last six months preceding the start of the confirmation procedure.

§§2220-2226

See Item #51 at December 3, 2003 for deadline.

Oct 4, 2003*
(E-150)
*Saturday

7. **Letter Requesting Information – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties**

The last day for the Secretary of State to send a letter to the chairpersons of record of the American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom parties' state and county central committees requesting information he may consider in selecting presidential candidates for placement on the presidential primary election ballot.

§6721

Oct 4-Nov 3, 2003
(E-150 to E-120)

8. **Announcement of Selected Presidential Candidates - Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties**

During this period, the Secretary of State will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons affiliated with the Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties whom he intends to place on the presidential primary election ballot. Following this announcement, the Secretary of State may add candidates, but he may not delete any candidate whose name appears on the announced list. Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom candidates may withdraw their names in writing at any time through December 25, 2003* (E-68).

§§6340-6342, 6520-6522, 6720-6724

Oct 4-Dec 30, 2003
(E-150 to E-63)

9. **Announcement of Selected Presidential Candidates – Democratic Party**

During this period, the Secretary of State will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons affiliated with the Democratic Party whom he intends to place on the presidential primary election ballot. Following this announcement, the Secretary of State may add candidates, but he may not delete any candidate whose name appears on the announced list. Democratic candidates may withdraw their names in writing at any time through January 2, 2004 (E-60).

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| Oct 6, 2003
(E-148) | 10. | <p><u>Governor's Proclamation - Issuance</u>
 By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary election. The proclamation shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled. The Governor shall then transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county election official. §12000</p> |
| Oct 10, 2003
(Date fixed by law) | 11. | <p><u>SB 50 Campaign Statement Requirements</u>
 The last day for candidates and committees, including measure committees, being voted upon in the March 2, 2004, primary election to file additional campaign statements for the period ending September 30, 2003.
 Govt. C. §§84200.3, 84200.4(a)</p> |
| Oct 19, 2003*
(E-135)
*Sunday | 12. | <p><u>Report of Registration - 154-day County Report</u>
 On this day, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of September 30, 2003 (E-154).
 §§2187(a), (c) & (d)(1)</p> |
| Oct 19, 2003*
(E-135)
*Sunday | 13. | <p><u>New Party Qualification</u>
 The last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether a new political party has qualified either by registration or by filing a petition. §5100(b) & (c)
 Minimum registration required 77,389
 Signatures required for petition 773,883</p> |
| Oct 19, 2003*
(E-135)
*Sunday | 14. | <p><u>Declines to State Voter Participation Notice</u>
 Last day for a political party to notify the Secretary of State that it has adopted a rule that authorizes a person who has declined to state a party affiliation to vote the ballot of that political party at the March 2, 2004 primary election.
 §13102(c)</p> |
| Oct 23, 2003
(E-131) | 15. | <p><u>Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline</u>
 The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the primary election ballot. Cal. Const. Art II, §8(c), §9013</p> |
| Oct 23, 2003
(E-131) | 16. | <p><u>Legislative Measure Qualification Deadline</u>
 The last day for the Legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment, bond measure, or other legislative measure in order for the proposed measure to appear on the primary election ballot. §9040</p> |

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| Oct 27–Nov 5, 2003
(E-127 to E-118) | <p>17. <u>Declarations of Intention – Partisan and Independent Legislative Candidates</u>
During this period, each partisan and independent candidate for legislative office shall file a declaration of intention to become a candidate for office with either the Secretary of State or the county elections official of the county in which the candidate is a resident. This declaration shall be filed on a form supplied by the Secretary of State or the county elections official.
§§8022(a), 8105, 8350</p> <p>The entire nonrefundable filing fee, represented by cash, signatures, or a combination of cash and signatures, must be presented at the time of submitting the declaration of intention to the county elections official. The county elections official shall send each declaration of intention filed by partisan and independent state legislative candidates and the filing fee to the Secretary of State. If this declaration is filed with the Secretary of State, the entire nonrefundable filing fee must be paid; the Secretary of State cannot accept signatures on in-lieu petitions.
§§8103, 8106</p> |
| Oct 27-Dec 5, 2003
(E-127 to E-88) | <p>18. <u>Candidate Statement in County Sample Ballot</u>
During this period, legislative candidates may purchase space for a candidate statement in the official sample ballot(s) of the county or counties in the jurisdiction. Candidates may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits under the provisions of Proposition 34.
Govt. C. §85601</p> |
| Oct 27, 2003
(Date designated by Secretary of State) | <p>19. <u>State Measures - News Release Inviting Arguments</u>
On this date, the Secretary of State will issue a general news release requesting voters to submit an argument in each case where either the argument for or against any statewide ballot measure has not been prepared and filed.
§§9060-9063</p> |
| Oct 29, 2003
(E-125) | <p>20. <u>Notice of Parties in Primary Election</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the primary.
§12103</p> |

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| Oct 29, 2003
(E-125) | 21. | <u>County Central Committees – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to compute the number of members of the central committees to be elected in each county and to mail certificates to that effect to each county elections official and to the chairpersons of record of each state central committee. §§7671,7770 |
| Oct 29, 2003
(E-125) | 22. | <u>Newly Qualified Parties Procedures for Presidential Primary</u>
The last day for the officers of a newly-qualified political party to notify the Secretary of State of the designated procedures the party has selected for its presidential primary election. §5006 |
| Oct 31, 2003
(E-123) | 23. | <u>Disqualified Parties</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State, with the advice and consent of the Attorney General, to determine which parties, if any, are disqualified from participating in any primary election under §5102. §5200 |
| Nov 3, 2003
(E-120) | 24. | <u>Publication of Selected Presidential Candidates - Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to announce and publicize the list of names of those persons whom he intends to place on the presidential primary election ballot for the Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom parties. Following the announcement, he may add candidates to, but may not delete any candidate from, the list. The Secretary of State shall mail copies of the lists of selected Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom candidates, and subsequent additions thereto, to the chairpersons of the Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom state and county central committees, respectively. §§6340, 6520, 6720 |

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Nov 3, 2003
(E-120)

25. **Number of Delegates for National Conventions**

By this date, the chairperson of each qualified party's state central committee shall notify the Secretary of State of the number of delegates to represent California at its next national convention. The Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Party chairs must state the name of the national party with which the state party has affiliated as well as the number of delegates from the northern and southern portions of the state. The Democratic Party shall state the number of delegates and alternates to be selected from each congressional district. §§6020, 6023, 6320, 6321, 6540, 6541, 6740, 6741, 6744, 6745, 6763

If any party fails to notify the Secretary of State of the number of delegates, the Secretary of State shall ascertain the number from the call for the national convention issued by the national committee of that party. In the case of the Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties, the Secretary of State shall ascertain the party's national affiliation and the number of delegates and alternates from the chairperson or any other officer of record of the party state central committee. §§6024, 6322, 6542, 6742, 6762, 6763, 6764

Nov 3-Dec 30, 2003
(E-120 to E-63)

26. **Nomination Period: Unselected Democratic Presidential Candidates**

Between these dates the steering committee of each unselected presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation may obtain signatures to nomination papers. Papers shall be left for examination with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. §§6061, 6101, 6108, 6122

Within five days after nomination papers are left with the county elections official, the elections official shall examine and affix a certificate reciting that he or she has examined them and stating the number of names which have not been marked "not sufficient." The elections official shall transmit the papers to the Secretary of State, who shall file them. §6144

Nov 4, 2003
(Date designated by
the Secretary of
State)

27. **State Measures - Arguments Submission Deadline**

By this day, legislators and their appointee(s) must submit to the Secretary of State their arguments for and against each legislative measure that qualified by October 23, 2003 (E-131). This is also the last day for the proponents of each initiative measure to submit their arguments to the Secretary of State. Once submitted, no argument may be changed or amended. §9043

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Whenever the Legislature submits any measure to the voters of the state, the author of the measure and no more than two persons appointed by the author may draft an argument for its adoption, or the author of the measure may appoint no more than three persons to draft the argument. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. If the author of the measure desires separate arguments to be written in its favor by each person appointed, separate arguments may be written, but the combined length shall not exceed 500 words. §9041

If a legislative measure was not adopted unanimously, one member of each house who voted against it shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the respective houses to write an argument against the measure. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. §9042

If those members appointed to write an argument against the measure so choose, each may write a separate argument opposing it, but the combined length of the two arguments shall not exceed 500 words. §9042

If legislators and their appointee(s) do not file an argument for or against any legislative measure, any voter may request the Secretary of State for permission to prepare and file an argument for either side of any such measure for which no argument has been prepared. The Secretary of State shall grant permission unless two or more voters request permission to submit arguments on the same side of a measure, in which event the Secretary of State shall designate one of the voters to write the argument. §§9044, 9067

Proponents of initiatives are given preference in submitting ballot arguments in favor of their measures. Opposing arguments are solicited from the public, with priority given to bona fide associations of citizens, followed by individual voters, when more than one argument is submitted against the initiative measure. §§9062, 9067

Nov 5, 2003
(E-118)

28. **Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Partisan and Independent Legislative Offices**

The last day for partisan or independent candidates for legislative office to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Within ten days after receipt

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of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than December 5, 2003 (E-88) for partisan candidates; not later than August 6, 2004 (E-88) for independent candidates. Upon receipt of the minimum number of in-lieu-filing-fee signatures required, or a sufficient combination of signatures and pro rata filing fee, the elections official shall issue nomination papers provisionally. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, prior to the close of the nomination period, either submit a supplemental petition, or pay a prorated portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures that meet the party registration requirements for nominations equaling or exceeding the minimum number required by §8041 shall not be required to file nomination papers. §§8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3)

Nov 5, 2003
(E-118)

29. **Declarations of Intention – Partisan and Independent Candidates for Legislative Office**

The last day on which a candidate may file a declaration of intention for legislative office. §§8022(a), 8350

Nov 5, 2003
(E-118)

30. **Declarations of Intention - Elections Official Sends to the Secretary of State**

The last day for the county elections official to send to the Secretary of State the declarations of intention and the filing fees for all legislative partisan and independent candidates who filed with the county elections official unless the close of the filing period is extended. §§8022(a), 8350

Nov 6-Nov 10, 2003
(E-117 to E-113)

31. **Declarations of Intention - Extension Period for Partisan and Independent Candidates for Legislative Office**

If the incumbent legislator has not filed a declaration of intention to succeed to the same office, then any person, other than the incumbent, may file such a declaration during this extension period. If failure to file a declaration of intention is because the incumbent has already served the maximum number of terms permitted by the California Constitution for that office, there shall be no extension of the period for filing the declaration of intention. §§8022, 8350

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| Nov 10, 2003
(Date designated by
the Secretary of
State) | 32. | <u>Selection and Exchange of Arguments For and Against Measures</u>
On or before this day, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet where more than one has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. The Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments. §§9067, 9069 |
| Nov 10, 2003
(E-113) | 33. | <u>Declaration of Intention – Extension Period for Partisan and Independent Candidates for Legislative Office</u>
The last day any person other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention. §§8022, 8350 |
| Nov 10-Dec 5, 2003
(E-113 to E-88) | 34. | <u>Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers – Non-Presidential Partisan Candidate Filing</u>
During this period, all non-presidential partisan candidates must file their declarations of candidacy for office, circulate their nomination papers, and deliver them to the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State. United States Senate and Representatives in Congress candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers from the county elections official. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures that meet the party registration requirements for nomination signatures equals or exceeds the minimum number required by §8041. All nomination documents for United States Senator, Representative in Congress, and Member of the State Legislature are to be filed in the office of the county elections official who will process and forward them to the Secretary of State.
§§8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106 |
| Nov 10-Dec 5, 2003
(E-113 to E-88) | 35. | <u>Statements of Economic Interests</u>
Between these dates, specified non-incumbent candidates in an election shall file statements of economic interests disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. These statements must be filed no later than December 5, 2003 (E-88), the final date for filing the declaration of candidacy. This filing of statements of economic interests is not required if the candidate has filed such statements within the past sixty days for the same jurisdiction. Govt. C. §§87200, 87201, 87500 |

Note: The deadlines for filing the statements of economic interests by certain officeholders may be earlier. Call the Fair

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Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for deadline information at (916) 322-5660.

Nov 10-Dec 10,
2003
(E-113 to E-83)

36. **Nomination Documents Forwarded to the Secretary of State**

During this period and within five days of receipt of the nomination documents, the county elections official shall deliver to the Secretary of State the nomination documents for United States Senator, Representative in Congress, or Member of the Senate or Assembly, together with a statement showing the number of valid signatures on the nomination document from all candidates. §§8070, 8082

Nov 13, 2003
(E-110)

37. **Certification of Number of Delegates (Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties)**

By this date, the Secretary of State shall certify to the county elections official the number of delegates to be elected at the presidential primary election. For the Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties, the certificate will include the number of delegates to represent the party at their respective national conventions, the name, address and telephone number of the national party with which the state party is presently affiliated, and the number of delegates to be selected from each territory by each committee proposing a group of national convention delegates. §§6323, 6543, 6743, 6744

Nov 13, 2003
(Date designated by
the Secretary of
State)

38. **State Measures - Titles, Summaries, Analyses, Texts, and Bond Statement Deadline**

The Attorney General, Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel are asked to provide, no later than this date, all official titles, 20-word ballot labels, summaries, analyses, texts, and statements of bonded indebtedness for the measures that have qualified for the primary election ballot so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot pamphlet into any appropriate minority languages, as well as to prepare copy for public display. §§9050, 9087, 9088, 9091, 13280-13282

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| Nov 13, 2003
(Date designated by
the Secretary of
State) | 39. | <u>State Measures - Rebuttal Arguments and Summary
Information Submission Deadline</u>
The last day rebuttal arguments and summary information for
or against ballot measures qualified for the primary election
ballot may be submitted. The arguments shall not exceed 250
words. §9069 |
| Nov 13, 2003
(Date designated by
the Secretary of
State) | 40. | <u>Submission of Political Party Statements of Purpose</u>
The last day for political parties to submit statements of
purpose for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet. |
| Nov 15, 2003*
(E-108)
*Saturday | 41. | <u>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Candidates for
Legislative Offices</u>
The last day for the county elections official to determine the
sufficiency of in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for
legislative offices. Within ten days after receipt of a petition,
the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any
deficiency. Such candidates may, before the close of the
nomination period (December 5), either submit a supplemental
petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency.
§§8105, 8106(b)(3) |
| Nov 18, 2003
(E-105) | 42. | <u>Newly-Qualified Party Procedures for Primary Election</u>
The last day for officers of a newly-qualified political party to
file a notice with the Secretary of State stating the statutory
provisions applicable to the party's operation. §5005 |
| Nov 18-Dec 8, 2003
(E-105 to E-85) | 43. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination</u>
During this period, the Secretary of State will make a complete
copy of the ballot pamphlet available for public examination
for 20 days. The ballot labels will also be made available.
Govt. C. §88006; Elec. C. §§9092, 13282 |
| Nov 18, 2003
(E-105) | 44. | <u>Report of Registration - 154-day Statewide Report</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to compile a statewide
report showing the number of registered voters, by party
affiliation, in the state and county and political subdivisions
thereof. This statement must be compiled by the Secretary of
State within 30 days after receiving the summary statements
sent by the county elections official on October 19, 2003 (E-
135). §2187(b) & (d)(1)

See item #12 at October 19, 2003 for Report of Registration
154-day county report submissions. |

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Nov 19, 2003
(E-104)

45. **Delegates – American Independent Party**

The last day for a committee proposing the nomination of a group of candidates for delegate to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the name of the committee and the names of its officers. The number of alternates to be selected shall be no greater than one for each delegate. §§6560-6564

Each group of candidates for delegate must obtain the endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee for whom the members of the group have filed a preference. The endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee must be on file with the Secretary of State before the circulation of any nomination papers by a group of candidates pledged to the support of his or her candidacy as presidential nominee.

§§6565-6567

Nov 19, 2003
(E-104)

46. **Delegates – Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties**

The last day for a committee proposing the nomination of a group of candidates for delegate in support of a selected or unselected candidate to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the name of the committee and the names, residence addresses, and telephone numbers of at least five of its members and its officers. §§6760- 6761, 6767- 6768

Each group of candidates for delegate must obtain the endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee for whom the members of the group have filed a preference. The endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee must be on file with the Secretary of State before the circulation of any nomination papers by a group of candidates pledged to the support of his or her candidacy as presidential nominee. §6765

Nov 19-Dec 19,
2003
(E-104 to E-74)

47. **Presidential Nomination Papers – Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties**

Between these dates, circulators may obtain signatures to the nomination papers, and file them for examination with the county elections official for unselected Republican Party candidates; unselected presidential preference candidates for American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom Parties; groups of delegates for selected and unselected candidates and uncommitted delegations for

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American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties.

§§6343, 6360, 6365, 6382, 6568, 6581, 6586, 6587, 6591, 6781, 6786, 6787, 6791

The county elections official has five days from receipt to verify and certify nomination papers and to forward them to the Secretary of State. §§6404, 6597, 6796

Nov 20, 2003
(E-103)

48. **Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and All Other Candidates**

The last day for candidates for offices other than legislative offices to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than December 5, 2003 (E-88). Upon receipt of the required number of in-lieu signatures, or of a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue the nomination papers provisionally. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures that meet the party registration requirements for nominations equaling or exceeding the minimum number required by §8041 for his or her nomination paper shall not be required to file the nomination papers. §§8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3) & (b)(4)

Nov 30, 2003*
(E-93)
*Sunday

49. **Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and All Other Candidates**

The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for all offices other than legislative. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. Such candidates shall, before the close of the nomination period (December 5, 2003), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. §8106(b)(3)

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| Dec 1, 2003
(E-92) | 50. | <u>Randomized Alphabet Drawing - Notice</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the place the randomized alphabet drawing will be held at 11 a.m. on December 11, 2003 (E-82). §13112(c) |
| Dec 3, 2003
(E-90) | 51. | <u>Pre-election Residency Confirmation Procedure</u>
By this date, the county elections official must complete the pre-election residency confirmation procedure required by Elections Code §2220. §§2220-2226 |
| Dec 3, 2003-Mar 2,
2004
(E-90-E) | 52. | <u>Election Cycle \$1,000 Electronic Reports</u>
During this period, state candidate and measure committees that receive contributions of \$1,000 or more shall report these receipts electronically within 24 hours. The electronic Form 497 is used to report these receipts. State committees that make independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more during the 90 days preceding and on election day must electronically report such expenditures within one business day, using electronic Form 496. |
| Dec 5, 2003
(E-88) | 53. | <u>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Supplemental</u>
The last day a candidate may submit a supplemental in-lieu petition to the county elections official or pay a prorated portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency in the filing fee payment. §8106(b)(3) |
| Dec 5, 2003
(E-88)
5 p.m. | 54. | <u>Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers</u>
Not later than 5 p.m. on this day, all candidates must deliver to the county elections official for filing their declarations of candidacy and their nomination papers. §§8020, 8100 |
| Dec 5, 2003
(E-88)
5 p.m. | 55. | <u>Candidate Statement in County Sample Ballot</u>
The last day legislative candidates may purchase space for a candidate statement in the official sample ballot(s) of the county or counties in the jurisdiction. Candidates may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits under Proposition 34. Govt. C. §85601 |
| Dec 6-Dec 10, 2003
(E-87 to E-83) | 56. | <u>Nomination Period Extension for Candidates for Legislative Offices</u>
If an incumbent legislative officer files a declaration of intention but for any reason fails to qualify for the nomination by December 5, 2003, a five-day extension is allowed for any |

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qualified person, other than the incumbent, if otherwise qualified, to file for such office notwithstanding that he or she has not filed a written and signed declaration of intention to become a candidate for the office. §8022(b)

Dec 6-Dec 19, 2003
(E-87 to E-74)

57. **Nomination Period Extension When The Only Partisan Candidate Dies**

If only one candidate has filed nomination papers for a partisan nomination at the primary election and that candidate dies after December 5 and by December 10, any person qualified under §8001 may circulate and deliver nomination papers for the office to the county elections official not later than 5 p.m. on December 19, 2003. §8025

Dec 8, 2003
(E-85)

58. **State Ballot Pamphlet Copy to the State Printer**

The last day for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the ballot pamphlets to the Office of State Publishing. §9082

Dec 10, 2003
(E-83)

59. **Nomination Documents Filed with the Secretary of State**

The last day for county elections official to forward nomination documents that are required to be filed with the Secretary of State for filing. §8082

Dec 11, 2003
(E-82)

60. **Democratic Steering Committees**

The chairperson of each candidate's seven-member steering committee shall file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the names and addresses of the members of the steering committee. §§6080-6081

Dec 11, 2003
11 a.m.
(E-82)

61. **Randomized Alphabet Drawing**

The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11 a.m. and mail the results immediately to county elections officials so that they may determine the order in which the candidates shall appear on the primary election ballot. §13112(b)

Dec 19, 2003
(E-74)

62. **Presidential Nomination Papers – Republican Party**

Last day for unselected candidates to leave nomination papers for examination with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. §6360

There are no provisions for an uncommitted delegation.

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| Dec 19, 2003
(E-74) | 63. | <p><u>Presidential Nomination Papers – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties</u></p> <p>The last day unselected candidates for the presidential preference portion of the primary ballot can file properly prepared, circulated, signed and verified nomination papers with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. This applies to the nomination of a candidate for the presidential preference portion of the primary ballot, to the nomination of a slate of delegates pledged to the candidacy of a particular candidate and to the nomination of a slate of delegates not expressing a preference for a particular candidate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§§6580-6581, 6780-6781</p> |
| Dec 19, 2003
(E-74) | 64. | <p><u>Nomination Period Extension - Death of the Only Partisan Candidate</u></p> <p>By 5 p.m. on this day, any person qualified under §8001 can deliver to the county elections official his or her nomination papers for any partisan office for which only one candidate had filed but who had died after December 5 and by December 10, 2003.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8025</p> |
| Dec 20, 2003*
(E-73)
*Saturday | 65. | <p><u>Notice to Partisan Candidates</u></p> <p>On or before this date, but not fewer than five days before sending the certified list of candidates to the county elections official, the Secretary of State shall notify each candidate for partisan office of the names, addresses, offices, ballot designations, and party affiliations of all other persons who have filed for the same office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8121</p> |
| Dec 24, 2003
(E-69) | 66. | <p><u>County's Filing Deadline for Presidential Nomination Papers – Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom Parties</u></p> <p>Last day for the county elections official to certify and send to the Secretary of State any presidential nomination papers received by December 19, 2003 (E-74).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§§6404, 6597, 6796</p> |
| Dec 25, 2003*
(E-68)
*Holiday | 67. | <p><u>Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List</u></p> <p>The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county elections official a certified list of candidates showing the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, the offices for which they seek nomination, and, if the office is partisan, the party each person represents.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§§8120-8125</p> |

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By this date, the Secretary of State shall also provide to county election officials a list of candidates arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on December 11, 2003. §8149

Dec 25, 2003*
(E-68)
*Holiday

68. **Secretary of State Certifies Presidential Delegates**
The last day for the Secretary of State to certify and to send the county elections officials the names of presidential candidates and chairpersons of uncommitted delegations of all parties and the names of delegate candidates who are entitled to be voted for at the presidential primary election.
§§6950-6951; 6953-6954

Dec 25, 2003*
(E-68)
*Holiday

69. **Death of Partisan Candidate – Name on Ballot**
If a candidate dies on or after this date, his or her name shall be printed upon the ballot for the primary election. §8809

Dec 25, 2003*
(E-68)
*Holiday

70. **Withdrawal of Presidential Candidate – Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties**
The last day a selected or unselected presidential candidate may file an affidavit with the Secretary of State in order to have his or her name withdrawn from the primary election ballot.
§§6341-6342, 6521-6522, 6723-6724

Dec 30, 2003
(E-63)

71. **Publication of Selected Presidential Candidates – Democratic Party**
The last day for the Secretary of State to announce and publicize the list of names of those persons whom he intends to place on the Democratic presidential primary election ballot. Following the announcement, he may add candidates to, but may not delete any candidate from, the list. §6041

Dec 30, 2003
(E-63)

72. **Nomination Period – Unselected Democratic Presidential Candidates**
Last day the steering committee of each unselected presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation may leave nomination papers with the county elections official. §6101

Jan 1, 2004*
(Date fixed by law)
*Holiday

73. **Approved Ballot Vendors**
By this date, the Secretary of State will publish the list of approved manufacturers, finishers, and printers of ballot cards for use in California elections.
Cal. Code of Regs., Title 2, §20226

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| Jan 2, 2004
(E-60) | 74. | <u>Democratic Presidential Candidates – Notification of Qualification for Placement on Ballot</u>
Last day for the Secretary of State to notify each steering committee whether or not it has qualified a candidate or uncommitted delegation for placement on the ballot by the nomination process. §6160 |
| Jan 2, 2004
(E-60) | 75. | <u>Withdrawal of Presidential Candidate – Democratic Party</u>
The last day a selected or unselected presidential candidate may file an affidavit with the Secretary of State in order to have his or her name withdrawn from the primary election ballot. §§6042-6043 |
| Jan 2, 2004
(E-60) | 76. | <u>Special Absent Voters’ Ballot Applications</u>
The first day county elections official may process applications for special absent voters’ ballots. Any application received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period of February 2-February 24, 2004 (E-29 to E-7) because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §§300(b), 3103 |
| Jan 2, 2004
(E-60) | 77. | <u>Registration Files Update</u>
Counties using data processing equipment to store registered voter information set forth in the affidavits of registration shall begin their computer updates in order to send a copy of their registered voter files to the Secretary of State by January 12, 2004 (E-50). §2187 |
| Jan 2- Jan 12, 2004
(E-60 to E-50) | 78. | <u>Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report</u>
During this period, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof as of January 2, 2004. §§2187(a), (c), (d)(2) |
| Jan 2-Feb 24, 2004
(E-60 to E-7) | 79. | <u>Federal Election – Overseas Voter, Application for Absent Voter’s Ballot</u>
During this period, counties may begin processing Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from persons already registered to vote. (Note: A single FPCA may be used to request both primary and general election absentee ballots in a calendar year.) §§3304, 3306 |

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| Jan 4, 2004
(E-58) | 80. | <u>County's Filing Deadline for Presidential Nomination Papers – Democratic Party</u>
Last day for the county elections official to certify and send to Secretary of State any Democratic presidential candidate nomination papers filed by December 30, 2003 (E-63).
§§6101, 6144 |
| Jan 5-Feb 17, 2004
(E-57 to E-14) | 81. | <u>Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers</u>
During this period, all non-presidential write-in candidates must file their statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.
§8601 |
| Jan 10, 2004*
(Date fixed by law)
*Saturday | 82. | <u>Campaign Statement - Semiannual</u>
The last day to file semiannual campaign statements for candidates and committees in connection with the March 2, 2004 primary election. Govt. C. §§84200.3, 84200.4(b) |
| Jan 10, 2004*
*Saturday | 83. | <u>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report</u>
Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time and in the same places, as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Govt. C. §84203.5 |
| Jan 12, 2004
(E-50) | 84. | <u>Voter Registration Files to the Secretary of State</u>
The last day for county elections official to send the Secretary of State a copy of their voter registration files of all voters registered prior to January 2, 2004 (E-60). §2187(c)&(d)(2) |
| Jan 17, 2004*
(E-45)
*Saturday | 85. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlets Furnished to Counties</u>
By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the state ballot pamphlet to those counties that do not use data processing equipment. Ballot pamphlets will also be sent to all counties for their supplemental mailings to persons who registered between January 3 and February 2, 2004 (E-59 to E-29).
§9094(b) |

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| Jan 17, 2004*
(E-45)
*Saturday | 86. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlet to State and Local Officials and Public Institutions</u>
By this date, the Secretary of State shall send a specified number of copies of the state ballot pamphlet to city and county elections officials, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries and educational institutions.
§9096 |
| Jan 18, 2004*
(E-44)
*Sunday | 87. | <u>Democratic Delegate Slates</u>
Last day for the steering committee of each candidate or uncommitted delegation to rank delegate candidates provided by each caucus and immediately thereafter to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the names of delegate candidates in ranked order from each congressional district.
§6086 |
| Jan 22, 2004
(E-40) | 88. | <u>First Pre-Election Statement</u>
The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending January 17, 2004.
Govt. C. §§84200.5, 84200.8(a) |
| Jan 22, 2004
(E-40) | 89. | <u>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report</u>
Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$500 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time and in the same places, as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure.
Govt. C. §84203.5 |
| Jan 22-Feb 10, 2004
(E-40 to E-21) | 90. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing</u>
Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, January 2, 2004 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by the counties' voter registration files sent to the Secretary of State by January 12, 2004 (E-50).
§9094(a) |
| Jan 22-Feb 21, 2004*
(E-40 to E-10)
*Saturday | 91. | <u>Counties Mail Sample Ballots</u>
Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice shall state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.
§§13300, 13303, 13304 |

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| Jan 31, 2004*
(Date designated by
Party)
*Saturday | 92. <u>Certified List of Democratic Delegates</u>
Last day for Secretary of State to transmit to each county elections official a certified list for each congressional district wholly or partially within that county, containing the names of delegate candidates selected and pledged to each candidate or uncommitted delegation. §6950 |
| Feb 1, 2004*
(E-30)
*Sunday | 93. <u>Notice of Early Tabulation</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to notify county elections officials that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require an early tabulation and announcement. §14440 |
| Feb 1, 2004*
(E-30)
*Sunday | 94. <u>Republican Delegates</u>
The final date a Republican candidate or his or her designees may submit to the Secretary of State the names of persons chosen as delegates. §§6460-6461 |
| Feb 2-Feb 24, 2004
(E-29 to E-7) | 95. <u>Absent Voter Ballot Application</u>
Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for an absent voter's ballot. Applications received before February 2, 2004 (E-29) shall be kept and processed during this application period. §§3001, 3003 |
| Feb 3-Feb 21, 2004
(E-28 to E-10) | 96. <u>Report of Registration – 29-Day Report</u>
During this period, county election officials shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof registered as of February 2, 2004. §2187(a), (c) & (d)(3) |
| Feb 3-Feb 24, 2004
(E-28 to E-7) | 97. <u>New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period</u>
Registration for new residents shall begin the 28th day prior to an election and end on the seventh day prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office. §§332, 3400

A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. §§331, 3500, 3501 |

The ballots of new residents and new citizens shall be received

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and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure
as absent voter ballots. §§3405, 3502

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| Feb 10, 2004
(E-21) | 98. | <u>Presidential Write-In Candidates</u>
Last day for write-in presidential candidates of all parties to file declarations with the Secretary of State in order to have write-in votes counted. No filing fee is required.
§§6241, 6441, 6621, 6822 |
| Feb 10, 2004
(E-21) | 99. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlets - Mailing</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State, or the county elections official if appropriate, to mail state ballot pamphlets to all households with voters who registered by January 2, 2004 (E-60).
§9094 |
| Feb 13, 2004
(Suggested date) | 100. | <u>Certified List of Write-In Candidates – Presidential</u>
Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of presidential write-in candidates eligible to receive votes at the primary election. |
| Feb 15*-Mar 1, 2004
(E-16 to E-1)
*Sunday | 101. | <u>Late Contribution Report</u>
All candidates and ballot measure committees that make or receive a late contribution and all other committees that make a late contribution on any date during the 16 days before an election must report the late contribution by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission (where fax capability exists) within 24 hours. Late contribution reports may be reported on Form 497. In addition, a filer who makes a late in-kind contribution must notify the recipient in writing of the fair market value of the in-kind contribution within 24 hours. The recipient of the late in-kind contribution must file an LCR within 48 hours of obtaining the benefit, possession or control of the late in-kind contribution.
Govt. C. §§84203, 84203.3 |
| Feb 15*-Mar 1, 2004
(E-16 to E-1)
*Sunday | 102. | <u>Late Independent Expenditure Report</u>
All candidates and committees that make a late independent expenditure on any date during the 16 days before an election must report the late independent expenditure by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission (where fax capability exists) within 24 hours. Late independent expenditure reports may be reported on Form 496.
Govt. C. §84204 |

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| Feb 15*-Mar 1, 2004
(E-16 to E-1)
*Sunday | 103. | <u>Slate Mailer Organization - Late Payments</u>
During the 16 days immediately preceding an election, each slate mailer organization that receives a payment of \$2,500 or more for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate or measure in a slate mailer must report the late payment within 24 hours by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission, where accepted. Late payments may be reported on Form 498.
<div style="text-align: right;">Govt. C. §84220</div> |
| Feb 15*-Mar 1, 2004
(E-16 to E-1)
*Sunday | 104. | <u>24-Hour Statement of Organization Filing Requirement for Recipient Committees and Slate Mailer Organizations</u>
During the 16 days immediately preceding an election, any person or entity which qualifies as a recipient committee or slate mailer organization must file the information required to be reported in the Statement of Organization within 24 hours by telegram or personal delivery. Govt. C. §§84101, 84108 |
| Feb 16, 2004*
(E-15)
*Holiday | 105. | <u>Registration Closes</u>
The last day for any person to register to vote in the primary election. §§2102, 2107

Note: No person shall be registered as a voter except by affidavit of registration. The affidavit shall be mailed or delivered to the county elections official and shall set forth all of the facts required to be shown by this chapter. A properly executed registration shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the affidavit by the county elections official if any of the following apply:
(1) The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15th day prior to the election and received by mail by the county elections official.
(2) The affidavit is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.
The affidavit is delivered to the county elections official by means other than those described in paragraphs (1) or (2) on or before the 15th day prior to the election. |
| Feb 16, 2004*
(E-15)
*Holiday | 106. | <u>Federal Election – Overseas Voter, Last Day to Register</u>
The last day for: (1) members of the armed forces and merchant marine; (2) their spouses and dependents; and, (3) U.S. citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to complete |

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and sign the FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) requesting an absent voter ballot and send it to the county elections official. §§300, 3300, 3302

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| Feb 17, 2004
(E-14) | 107. | <u>Non-Presidential Write-in Candidate's Declaration</u>
The last day for any write-in candidate to file with the county elections official his or her statement of write-in candidacy and the required number of signatures on the nomination papers. No filing fee is required. §§8601, 8604 |
| Feb 19, 2004
(E-12) | 108. | <u>Second Pre-Election Statement</u>
The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending February 19, 2000. Candidates being voted upon, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or measure must file the second pre-election statement by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery.
Govt. C. §§84200.5, 84200.8(b) |
| Feb 19, 2004
(E-12) | 109. | <u>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report</u>
Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time, and in the same places, as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Govt. C. §84203.5 |
| Feb 20, 2004
(Suggested date) | 110. | <u>Certified List of Write-In Candidates – Non-Presidential</u>
Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections official a certified list of non-presidential write-in candidates showing the name of all write-in candidates eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, the offices for which they seek nomination, and, if the office is partisan, the party each person represents. This list will also be sent to each person in the affected offices. |
| Feb 21, 2004*
(E-10)
*Saturday | 111. | <u>Sample Ballots - County Mailing</u>
The last day for each county elections official to mail sample ballots to the voters. §13300(c) |

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| Feb 21, 2004*
(E-10)
*Saturday | 112. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlet - Supplemental Mailing by County</u>
The last day for county elections official to mail ballot pamphlets to voters who registered after January 2 and by February 2, 2004 (E-60 to E-29).
§9094(c) |
| Feb 21, 2004*
(E-10)
*Saturday | 113. | <u>Report of Registration - 29-Day County Report</u>
The last day for county elections official to send the Secretary of State via Calvoter their summary statements of the number of persons registered as of February 2, 2004 (E-29).
§§2187(a), (c) & (d)(3) |
| Feb 24, 2004
(E-7) | 114. | <u>New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period – Last Day</u>
Last day for new residents to register to vote prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office.
§§332, 3400

Last day a new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration can provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and declare that he or she has established residency in California.
§§331, 3500, 3501

The ballots of new residents and new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as absent voter ballots.
§§3405, 3502 |
| Feb 24, 2004
(E-7) | 115. | <u>Absent Voter's Application</u>
The last day for the county elections official to receive a voter's application for an absent voter's ballot and to issue such ballot for the primary election.
§3001 |
| Feb 24, 2004
(E-7) | 116. | <u>Computer Program to Secretary of State</u>
The last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.
§15001

The last day for county elections official to send Logic and Accuracy Test certifications to the Secretary of State. |
| Feb 24, 2004
(E-7) | 117. | <u>Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots</u>
Counties having the necessary computer capability may begin to process their absent voter ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on computer tape, but under NO circumstance shall a vote |

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count be made before the polls close at 8 p.m. on March 2, 2004 (E). All other county elections official shall start to process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on the day before the election. §15101(b)

Feb 25-Mar 1, 2004 (E-6 to E-1) 118. **Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service**
A registered voter recalled to service after February 24, 2004 but before 5 p.m. on March 1, 2004 may appear before the county elections official and obtain from the county elections official an absent voter's ballot which may be voted in the county elections official's office or outside the county elections official's office, on or before the close of the polls and returned as are other voted absent voter ballots. §3110

Feb 25-Mar 2, 2004 (E-6 to E) 119. **Absentee Ballots - Late Conditions**
On or between these dates, any voter may apply in writing for an absent voter's ballot if he or she will unexpectedly be unable to go to the polls on election day. The voter may designate any authorized representative to return the voted absent voter's ballot. §3021

Mar 1, 2004 5 p.m. (E-1) 120. **Manual Processing of Absentee Ballots**
Counties not having the necessary computer capability may begin to manually process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on this date, but under **NO** circumstance is a vote count to be made before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on March 2, 2004 (E). §15101

Mar 2, 2004 (E) 121. **Special Absent Voters**
Any registered special absent voter who has returned on or before this day and to whom an absent voter's ballot has been mailed but not voted may apply to vote in the county elections official's office or in a polling place. §§300, 3108

The last day an unregistered special absent voter who was released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to his or her county of residence may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service is required. On or before the day of the election, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of special absentee voters registered under §3107. §3107

The last day a special absent voter who returns to the county after February 24, 2004 (E-7) may appear before the county

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elections official and make application for registration, an absent voter ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver an absent voter ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls on the day of the election and returned as are other voted absent voter ballots. §3109

Mar 2, 2004
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122. **Absentee Ballots – Late Conditions**

The last day any voter may request in writing an absent voter's ballot because of specified conditions resulting in unexpected absence from the polling place or precinct. §3021

Mar 2, 2004
(E)

123. **Primary Election Day**

On this date, the polls shall be open throughout the state from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. §§1000, 14212

Voters who have moved from one address to another within the same county and not reregistered may vote a provisional ballot at the polling place for their current (new) address or at a central location. The voter should be able to provide an ID Card or Driver's License with the new address, but if not available, then two other documents must be shown to establish new residence address. §14311

Mar 2, 2004
(E)

124. **Absent Voter's Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted**

The last day county election officials may receive ballots cast by absent voters by mail or in person. Absent voter ballots must be received by 8 p.m. at any polling place in the county or at the office of the elections official. §§3017, 3020

Mar 2, 2004
8 p.m.
(E)

125. **Defacing of Unused Ballots**

At 8 p.m., immediately after the close of the polls, each county elections official shall openly and in his or her main office deface or seal in a special container all unused ballots in his or her control and shall make and file an affidavit of the number of ballots destroyed or sealed. §14404

Mar 2, 2004
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126. **Semi-official Canvass**

Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semi-official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours. §§15150-15151

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| Mar 4, 2004
(E+2) | 127. | <u>Official Canvass</u>
The last day for the county elections official to begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed and elections official shall submit certified copy to governing board not later than March 30, 2004 (E+28).
§§15301, 15372 |
| Mar 5, 2004
(E+3) | 128. | <u>Semi-Official Canvass – Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to send to the chairpersons of each committee qualifying a group of candidates for the presidential primary election ballot a copy of the semi-official canvass of the vote for each group in each county, the total statewide vote for each group and the tentative number of delegates which each group will be entitled to have declared elected.
§6841 |
| Mar 12, 2004
(E+10) | 129. | <u>Republican Presidential Write-In Candidate – List of Delegates</u>
The last day a Republican presidential write-in candidate who received a plurality of the votes cast may file his or her list of delegates with the Secretary of State. If the candidate fails to file the list, the state central committee shall file by March 22, 2004 (E+20) a list of delegates who shall go to the convention unpledged to any candidate.
§§6442-6443 |
| Mar 22, 2004
(E+20) | 130. | <u>Report of Registration – 29-Day Statewide Report</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to compile a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliation, in the state and in each county and political subdivision thereof. This statement is based on the summary statements sent by the county elections official by February 21, 2004 (E-10).
§2187(b)&(d)(3) |
| Mar 22, 2004
(E+20) | 131. | <u>Republican Write-In Presidential Candidate's Delegates – Failure to File</u>
Last day for the state central committee to file the list of delegates if the write-in presidential candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast fails to file a list of delegates by March 12, 2004 (E+10).
§6443 |
| Mar 30, 2004
(E+28) | 132. | <u>Official Canvass – Presidential Primary Election</u>
The last day for the county elections official to send the canvassed presidential primary election returns to the Secretary of State.
§15375(c) |

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| Mar 30, 2004
(E+28) | 133. | <u>Certified Delegate Order – Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties</u>
The last day for the chairperson of each group of candidates for delegate to certify to the Secretary of State the order in which the delegates of each group are to be certified as elected. §6842 |
| Mar 30, 2004
(E+28) | 134. | <u>Official Canvass-End</u>
No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. §15372

This is the suggested date for the board of supervisors to declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected or nominated a certificate of election or nomination. §§15400-15401 |
| Apr 1, 2004
(E+30) | 135. | <u>Republican Party Candidates Submit Alternate Delegates</u>
The last day for a presidential candidate or his or her designee to submit to the Secretary of State a list of alternates to delegates by congressional district to the Republican National Convention. §6461(b) |
| Apr 3, 2004*
(E+32)
*Saturday | 136. | <u>Official Canvass – Presidential Primary Election</u>
Not later than this date, the Secretary of State shall compile and file a statement of the canvassed presidential primary election returns of all parties filed by the county elections official, and shall issue certificates to the presidential nominees and to the delegates. §§6220, 6420-6422, 6640-6641, 6843-6844 |
| Apr 6, 2004
(E+35) | 137. | <u>Statement of Results to Secretary of State</u>
By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State by registered mail one complete copy of the returns for all candidates for U.S. Senate, Representative in Congress, Member of the State Senate and Assembly, and for all statewide measures. §15375 |
| Apr 8, 2004
(E+37) | 138. | <u>File Write-In Presidential Candidate's Delegates – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties</u>
The last day for any qualified presidential write-in candidate to file a list of delegates with the Secretary of State. If the candidate fails to file the list, the state central committee shall then file within ten days [April 18, 2004 (E+47)] a list of |

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- delegates who shall go to the convention unpledged to any candidate. §§6642-6643; 6845-6846
- Apr 8, 2004
(Suggested Date) 139. **Delegate Certification – Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties**
The tentative date for the Secretary of State to certify to the chairperson of the state central committee and to the chairperson of record of each county central committee the final list of national convention delegates. §6849
- Apr 10, 2004*
(E+39)
*Saturday 140. **Statement of the Vote**
The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a Statement of the Vote from the compiled election returns. §15501
- Apr 10, 2004*
(E+39)
*Saturday 141. **Certificates**
Secretary of State issues certificates of nomination to candidates nominated for U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Member of the State Senate and Assembly. §8147
- Apr 18, 2004
(E+47) 142. **Write-In Presidential Candidates' Delegates – Failure to File – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, and Peace and Freedom Parties**
Last day for the state central committee to file the list of delegates if the write-in presidential candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast fails to file a list of delegates by April 8, 2004 (E+37). §§6643, 6846
- April 30, 2004
(Date fixed by law) 143. **Quarterly Statements by Ballot Measure Committees**
All committees that have qualified as a recipient committee and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage or defeat of any measure must file a quarterly campaign statement for the period January 1 through March 31, 2004, during any semiannual period before the election in which the measure is not being voted upon. Govt. C. §84202.3
- Jul 31, 2004
(Date fixed by law) 144. **Campaign Statement - Semiannual**
The last day to file semiannual campaign statements for candidates and committees. Govt. C. §§84200, 84218

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| Jul 31, 2004
(Date fixed by law) | 145. | <u>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report</u>
Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time, and in the same places, as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Govt. C. §84203.5 |
| Aug 8, 2004
(E+159) | 146. | <u>Supplement to the Statement of the Vote</u>
Last day for the Secretary of State to compile a supplement to the statement of the vote showing the number of votes cast in each county, city, Assembly district, State Senatorial district, Congressional district, and supervisorial district for each candidate for the office of President and United States Senator and on each statewide ballot measure. §15502 |